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REMARKS:

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1. On 26 January 1953, the Artillerie Kaserne on Freienwalder Strasse in Eberswalde was occupied to capacity. Trucks [REDACTED] entered the installation through the western gate.

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2. On 26 January, the Schuetzen Kaserne on Bernauer Heer Strasse was heavily occupied. Eleven officers made a tactical ride [REDACTED] in the area of Spachthausen. At 12:15 p.m., about 44 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the installation toward Spachthausen. ¹

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3. On 31 January, the Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde was occupied to capacity. About 8 a.m., about 600 soldiers were lined up. ²

4. At about 3 p.m. on 3 February, source believed that 15 half-track vehicles were unloaded at the Eberswalde railroad station and moved toward the barracks installations. [REDACTED] At about 1 p.m. on 6 February, nine trucks [REDACTED] pontoons and bridge building equipment were loaded at the same railroad station. ³

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5. On 5 February, the cantonment on Breitscheid Strasse was occupied by about 100 troops who wore blue-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED]

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6. A column of 4 to 6 x 57-mm AT guns and 22 to 25 trucks entered the Artillerie Kaserne in Eberswalde at about 8 p.m. on 31 January, coming from the direction of the town. Another column of 8 to 10 trucks towing 4 x 160-mm mortars and carrying 4 x 82-mm mortars entered the installation at about 8:30 p.m. A third column of 8 x 75-mm AT guns and 18 to 20 trucks was seen at about 9:45 p.m. and a fourth column of 10 to 12 trucks, 2 radio trucks, 5 tank trucks, 5 field kitchens and a total number of 400 to 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen at about 11 p.m. The trucks carried ammunition boxes and equipment. [REDACTED]

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25X1 7. On 31 January, the Schuetzen Kaserne was entered by 20 to 22 x 132-mm rocket launchers [redacted] 40 to 45 trucks, 3 tank trucks, 3 field kitchens and 350 to 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Boxes and equipment were loaded onto the trucks. The vehicles and troops had come from the direction of Angermuender Strasse.

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8. On 4 February, 10 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 21 flatcars from Unit Opazin, Forst Zinna, were unloaded at the Dallgow railroad station. Ten 57-mm AT guns, 15 to 20 trucks and about 180 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed. On 4 February, 2 boxcars to Fuerstenberg/Havel were loaded at the Dallgow railroad station with military goods [redacted] which had been hauled to the station on trucks [redacted]

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25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. On 31 January, headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army and units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div returned presumably from short-term combat firing practices at the Templin troop training grounds. [redacted] According to the weapons, the field exercises were also attended by units of the 240th Gds Mort Regt and of the 17th Gds Mecz Regt of the division and of the 312th Gds RL Regt of the army. On the whole, the occupation of Eberswalde post does not seem to have been changed. [redacted]

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25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. Compare with the last report of mid-January 1953. [redacted]

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25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. On 3 February 1953, units returned to the Eberswalde post, presumably from Templin. According to railroad records, the units had been transferred to Eberswalde [redacted] on 2 February. Another report stated that the first tanks were unloaded in Templin on 18 January. These were the first indications as to the beginning of field exercises at this troop training grounds. [redacted]

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[redacted] it is assumed that the loadings on 6 February 1953 were made by elements of the 3d Engr Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. The regiment engaged in loading activity in Eberswalde on 17 January, presumably for practices in the Muellrose area. [redacted]

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25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. According to several reports by the same and other sources, the AT artillery unit Opazin, a unit of the 1st Mecz Div, had been loaded for shipment to Forst Zinna on 1 February 1953. [redacted] confirms the Hq 1st Mecz Div in Doeberitz until 4 February 1953.

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